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Ambassador requested deliver following Presidential
to Prince Souvanna Phouma first thing Thursday morning Vientiane
time.

QUOTE Your Highness:

The successful conclusion of the negotiations for the
formation of the new Lao Government of national union under your
leadership has been warmly received by my Government and by
myself personally. I would like at this time to congratulate
you on the achievement of this first major step toward national
reconciliation and to wish you and the future government an
equally successful future.

I am confident that you will persevere in your efforts to
maintain the independence, neutrality and sovereignty of the
Kingdom and to promote the welfare of your fellow countrymen.
In this connection, you may rest assured that the United States
is ready to support and aid the new government in ways which will
be mutually satisfactory.

I am

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The White House - Mr. Forrestal cleared
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I am looking forward to having a chance to talk to you
sometime soon.

Sincerely,

John F. Kennedy UNQUOTE

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